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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 3, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of one month to and including August 4, 2003 in which to respond to the Office Action dated April 3, 2003. Applicant notes that August 3, 2003 is a Sunday and so the Application is properly filed, with a one-month extension, on August 4, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of

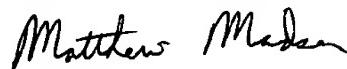
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time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/**11362.0034.PCUS00**.

Respectfully submitted,



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